

Sample Grade Four Narrative Writing Task*



Grade 4

California Writing Standards Test

Writing Prompt and Response Booklet

**Narrative
Writing Task**

Directions:

- In this writing test, you will respond to the writing task on the following pages.
- You will have time to plan your response and write a first draft with edits.
- Only what you write on the lined pages in this booklet will be scored.
- Use only a No. 2 pencil to write your response.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you

- include a beginning, a middle, and an end;
- use details; and
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

* This sample is intended only to illustrate the changes made to the test format and directions to students for the 2006 administration. It is **not** intended to suggest that the writing genre or prompt shown here been selected for the 2006 CST in writing.

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Read the following writing task. You must write a narrative about this topic.

Writing a Narrative

Imagine that you are asked to keep an elephant for a week. Write a story about your unusual experiences with your elephant.*

When you write about this experience, remember

- to include a beginning, a middle, and an end;
- to use details to describe the experience; and
- to use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

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on purpose.**

* Please note that this prompt was administered operationally in grade four in 2002 and subsequently released.

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Planning Your Narrative

You may use this page to help you plan your narrative before you begin writing. Your work on this page will NOT be scored.

You should not spend more than 10 to 15 minutes planning your narrative.

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 - to use details to describe the experience; and
 - to use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

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Your work on the lined pages that follow WILL be scored.

USE ONE NO. 2 PENCIL TO WRITE YOUR NARRATIVE.

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